

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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Skill Development Centre for Physically Handicapped

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to start Skill Development Centres designed especially for orphan children, physically handicapped persons and widows;

(b) if so, whether skills have been identified for the training of the above categories so as to make them self-employed and make them self-reliant; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(a) to (c) Ministry's flagship programme namely Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) is for all sections of the society including the orphan children, physically handicapped persons and widows. Further, there are certain incentives under PMKVY to encourage participation of candidates from special group and special areas in the skill training, Women candidates and PwDs are provided with conveyance allowance for non-residential trainings, in accordance with the Common Norms. There is also a provision for allowances for boarding and lodging for residential trainings. Similarly, post placement support of Rs. 1450 per month per trainee is applicable for special group including woman and PwDs for 2 or 3 month post training depending on placement within or outside the district of the domicile of the candidate.

PMKVY (2016-20) incentives Training Centres (TCs) for facilitating placement of trained candidates. The last 20% payment to training partner would be made only after wage employment or self-employment to atleast 70% of the trained candidates. TCs are mandated to organise placement/Rozgar Mela every six months with the support from Sector Skill Council (SSCs) and to ensure participation of local industry. TCs are also mandated to have a dedicated mentorship-cum-placement cell for industry linkage and placement assistance to candidates. The candidates are also encouraged to join the industry as an apprentice to ensure skill enhancement of the trainees as per the industry requirement. Self employment through appropriate bank linkages is also promoted as part of the total placements under the scheme.